CLAIMS

1. Use for rinsing contact lenses, in particular those made of hydrophilic materials, of an aqueous ionic solution obtained from sea water the ionic composition of which from the qualitative point of view is that of sea water and from the quantitative point of view is such that on the one hand its pH is from 4 to 9, preferably from 7 to 8 and that on the other hand its osmolality is from 150 to 700, preferably from 250 to 350m Osm/kg.

2. Use for rinsing contact lenses, in particular those made of hydrophilic materials, of an aqueous ionic solution, characterized by:

- a pH value preferably lower than or at most equal to the lowest pH values of sea water,
- an osmolality lower than that of sea water and
- a composition from the ionic point of view which is qualitatively and quantitatively that of sea water, with the exception that from the qualitative point of view, on the one hand, the potassium concentration is higher than that of sea water and, on the other hand, the Na, Mg, Ca and Cl concentrations are lower than those of sea water, said concentrations being
  - for Na*, from 1300 to 1500, preferably from 500 to 1000 mg/1,
  - for K*, from 4500 to 6500, preferably from 5000 to 6000 mg/1,
  - for Mg**, from 50 to 1300, preferably from 100 to 500 mg/1,
  - for Ca**, from 20 to 350, preferably from 40 to 200 mg/1,
  - for Cl*, from 4000 to 6000, preferably from 4500 to 5000 mg/1.